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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Lela A. Bridges on
4 the occasion of her retirement as the District 152
5 Superintendent of Schools after 38 years of dedicated service
6 with the district; and

7 WHEREAS, Lela Bridges is a native of Mendenhall,
8 Mississippi; she earned her bachelor's degree from Tougaloo
9 College in Tougaloo, Mississippi and her master's degree and
10 doctorate at Northern Illinois University; and

11 WHEREAS, Lela Bridges is a 3rd generation educator; during
12 her years as an educator, she has served as a teacher, dean of
13 students, elementary and high school principal, and central
14 office administrator; and

15 WHEREAS, Lela Bridges served as the District 152
16 Superintendent of Schools for 15 years; she is currently the
17 longest-sitting African-American female superintendent in the
18 State of Illinois; and

19 WHEREAS, Lela Bridges has been the recipient of numerous
20 awards for her service in her community, including the South
21 Suburban YMCA outstanding community service award, the

1 Outstanding Business Woman of the Year award from the Iota Phi
2 Lambda Sorority in 2005, the Break The Mold Award from the
3 Illinois State Board of Education, the Dr. Norman LA Harry
4 Service Award from the Tougaloo College Alumni Association
5 Chicago Chapter, the Echoes of Excellence Award from the Delta
6 Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Joliet Alumnae Chapter, the
7 Educators Stakeholders Award from the Midwest National Council
8 on Educating Black Children, and an award from the National
9 Association of University Women's North Shore Illinois Branch;
10 in 2004, a street at 147th and Broadway in the City of Harvey
11 was named after her in honor of her many accomplishments; and

12 WHEREAS, Lela Bridges is a member of the Covenant United
13 Church of Christ, where she is a member of the Women's
14 Fellowship and Sunday school; she is also a member of the Alpha
15 Kappa Alpha Sorority and the North Shore Court #73 Heroine of
16 Jericho and Shawall Court #4 Daughters of Isis Prince Hall
17 Affiliates; and

18 WHEREAS, Lela Bridges and her husband, John Webb, have 2
19 daughters, Tiffanie and Stephanie, and a grandson, Jaden;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
23 congratulate Lela A. Bridges on the occasion of her retirement

1 and wish her many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Lela Bridges as a symbol of our esteem and
5 respect.